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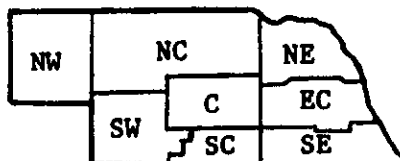
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WEATHER

The week began wet and cold. Temperatures averaged three to eight degrees below normal across the State. Precipitation averaged from a quarter to one-half inch.

GENERAL

Rain and wet snow slowed or halted fieldwork over most of the State last week, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Snow amounts as high as 12 to 16 inches were reported in the western and northern parts of the State, stopping corn harvesting temporarily. Areas receiving lesser amounts or just rain were able to get back into the fields to harvest corn or complete some fall tillage and fertilizer application. Many operators were putting up electric fences in order to graze crop residues. An average of 1.9 days were suitable for fieldwork.

Topsoil moisture was 43% short, 53% adequate, and 4% surplus. Subsoil moisture was 79% short and 21% adequate. Last year, topsoil moisture was 88% short and 12% adequate, while subsoil moisture was 90% short and 10% adequate.

CROPS

Corn harvest was 96% complete compared with 96% last year and 86% average. Harvest was still lagging in the west and southwest where snow and wet fields held up progress during the week. The snow caused some corn lodging in the northeast but unharvested fields in the east, where snow amounts were less, appeared to be standing up well.

Winter wheat condition was 3% poor, 33% fair, 61% good, and 3% excellent. The rain and snow will help the crops condition, although more moisture will still be needed before the ground freezes. A small number of Russian wheat aphids were reported in volunteer wheat in the Panhandle.

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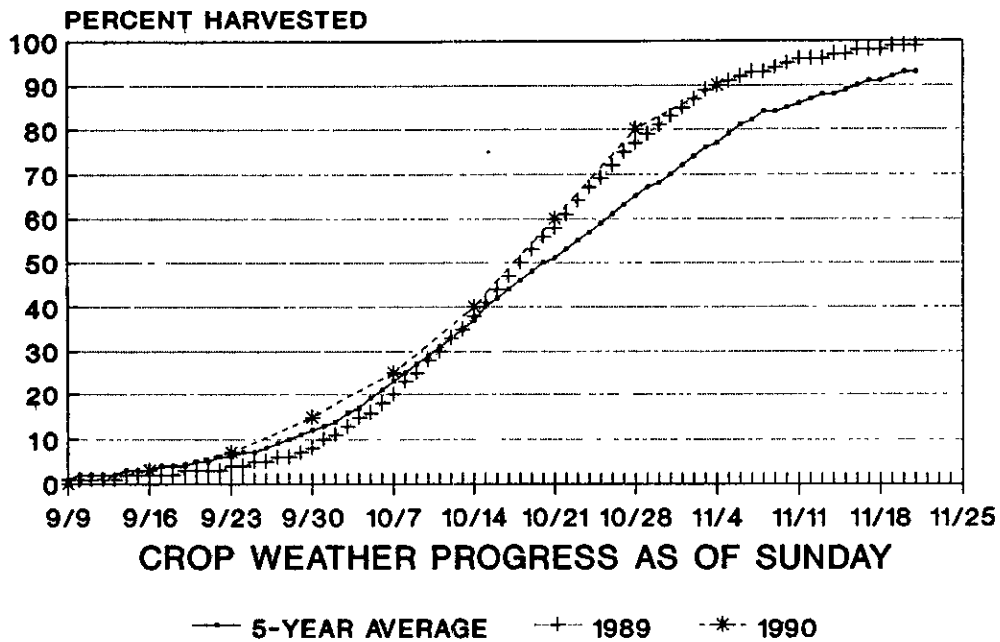
Pasture and range condition were 9% very poor, 33% poor, 34% fair, 23% good, and 1% excellent. Some supplemental feeding was necessary, even for livestock in stalk fields, after the heavy snows. Some cases of pneumonia were reported in the northeast, caused by sharp weather changes. The cold and snow stressed calves in some western feedlots.

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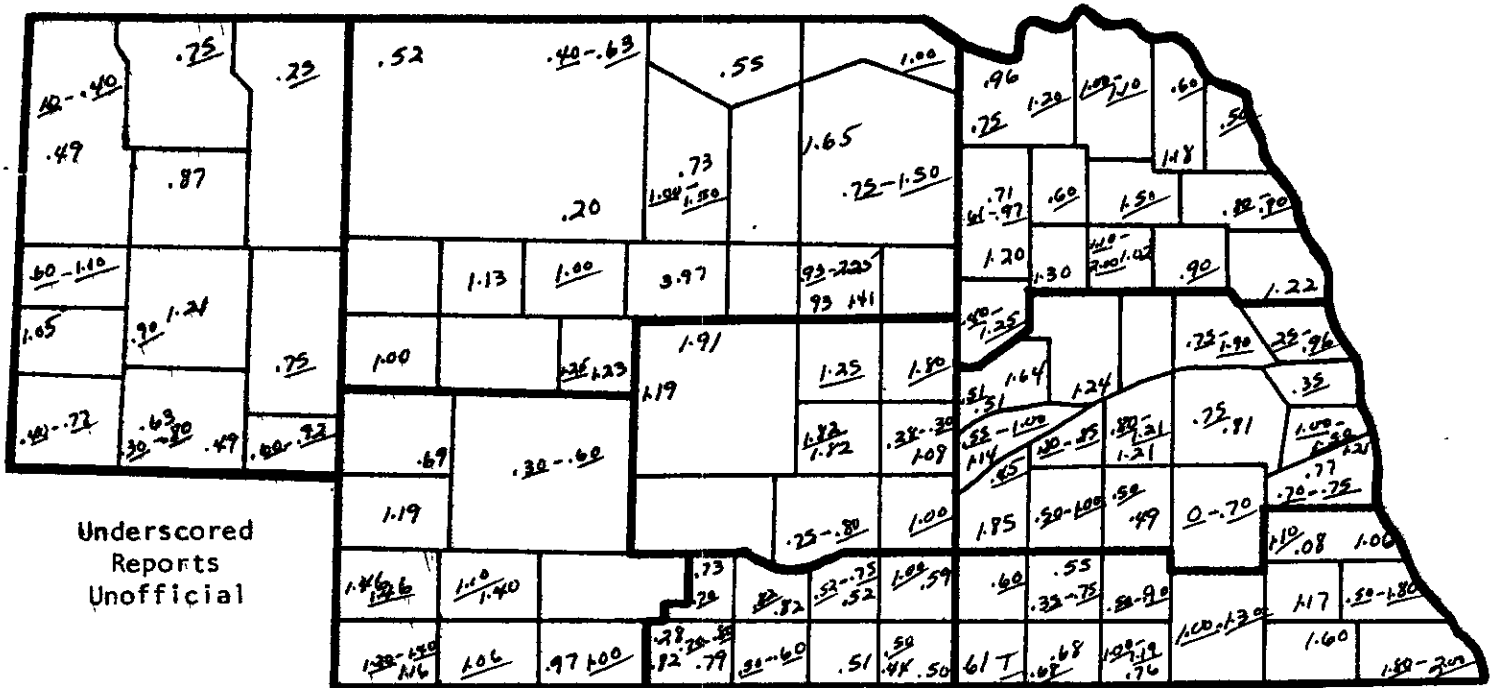
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1990



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1990

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1</u> / <u>100</u>
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	70	-6	37	---	.48
	Scottsbluff	70	-1	34	-5	.56
	Sidney	69	3	35	---	---
NC	Ord	63	3	33	---	.73
	Valentine	67	-1	34	-3	.20
NE	Norfolk	59	4	32	-8	.57
	Sioux City	55	8	33	-7	.20
CEN	Grand Island	66	9	37	-4	.14
EC	Lincoln	67	17	39	-3	.18
	Omaha	60	10	36	-6	.35
SW	Imperial	70	5	36	---	---
	North Platte	71	3	32	-6	.13

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.